QUICK FACTS ABOUT NOVA 2019-20

INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

Annual Headcount and FTES: The student annual headcount and full-time equivalent student (FTES) total for the 2018–19 academic year are 73,639 and 31,707, respectively.

Mean and Median Age: For Fall 2018, the median age of students was 20.7 and the mean age was 24.0.

Age Distribution: The student age distribution for Fall 2018 was as follows: 57.3%–21 years or younger; 25.6%–22 to 29 years; 15.7%–30 to 59 years and 1.4%–60 years and older.

Gender Distribution: During Fall 2018, 48.3% of NOVA students were male and 51.7% were female.

Race/Ethnicity Distribution: The student race distribution for Fall 2018 was as follows: 36.9% White; 15.6% Black/African American; 16.4% Asian; 23.9% Hispanic/Latino; 0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.4% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander; 4.7% Two or More Races; 1.1% Unknown and 0.9% Not Specified.

Residency: For Fall 2018, the College consisted of 94.0% In-State students and 6.0% Out-of-State students.

Enrollment Status: During Fall 2018, 32.8% of students were full-time and 67.2% of students were part-time.

Graduates: The number of graduates for 2017–18 was 6,347.

Personnel: For 2018–19, there were 819 classified staff members, 123 professional faculty, 109 twelve-month administrative faculty, 617 nine- and twelve-month teaching faculty and 1,844 temporary faculty members. Temporary faculty positions include adjunct, semesterly and grant faculty.

Distance Learning Classes (NOVA Online): For Fall 2018, the headcount for students taking distance learning classes was 12,321 and the FTES were 4,100.

ENROLLMENT BY CAMPUS

ANNUAL STUDENT HEADCOUNT BY HOME CAMPUS: 2018-19

Campus	Headcount	Percent
Alexandria	14,809	20.1
Annandale	18,471	25.1
Loudoun	16,287	22.1
Manassas	11,188	15.2
Medical Education	2,362	3.2
Woodbridge	10,522	14.3
College	73,639	100.0

POPULATION SERVED

Virginia Planning District 8 (P.D.8)

- COUNTIES: Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William
- CITIES: Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park

NOVA DATA

Enrollment: Annual student headcount decreased by 4.2% from 2014–15 to 2018–19.

Retention: From Fall 2017 to Fall 2018, the Fall-to-Fall retention rate was 54.2% for all students and 63.4% for first-time students excluding dual enrolled.

Public High School Graduates: In 2018-19, 24% of 2017–18 Northern Virginia public high school graduates enrolled at NOVA.

International Students: The number of international students attending NOVA in Fall 2018 was 7,373.

Financial Aid: In 2018-19, 30% of NOVA students received some form of financial aid.

Class Size: NOVA offers small classes with an average of 21 students, taught by award-winning faculty.

COLLEGE HISTORY

1964 – Northern Virginia Technical College was established.

1965 – First classes were opened with 761 students and 46 faculty and staff members.

1966 – The College was renamed Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA).

1968 – Dr. Richard J. Ernst became NOVA's second president.

1969 – The original plan of establishing one central campus and four satellite centers was changed to a concept of five campuses supported by a central administration.

1988 – The semester system began at NOVA.

1998 – Dr. Richard J. Ernst retired and Dr. Belle S. Wheelan became NOVA's third president.

2002 – Dr. Belle S. Wheelan left NOVA to become the Secretary of Education for Virginia. Dr. Charles L. Downs served as interim president from January to August. Dr. Robert G. Templin, Jr. became the College's fourth president in August.

2003 – The Medical Education Campus opened in Springfield.

2006 – The Arlington Center and Reston Center opened for classes.

2007 – NOVA became an Achieving the Dream College.

2008 – The Innovation Park Center in Manassas opened for classes.

2009 – Signal Hill in Sterling opened for classes.

2010 – NOVA was distinguished as an Achieving the Dream Leader College.

2015 – Dr. Robert G. Templin, Jr. retired in February and Dr. Mel Schiavelli became the acting president. Dr. Scott Ralls became the College's fifth president in September.

2019 – Dr. Scott Ralls left NOVA to become the president of Wakefield Technical Community College in March. Dr. Mel Schiavelli became the interim president.

2020 – Dr. Anne M. Kress became the College's sixth president in January.

ORGANIZATION

STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR VIRGINIA (SCHEV)

Certain activities of the College come under the supervision of SCHEV, a body which plays a prominent role in planning for higher education in the Commonwealth.

VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM (VCCS)

NOVA is one of 23 colleges within the VCCS which is governed by the State Board for Community Colleges.

COLLEGE BOARD

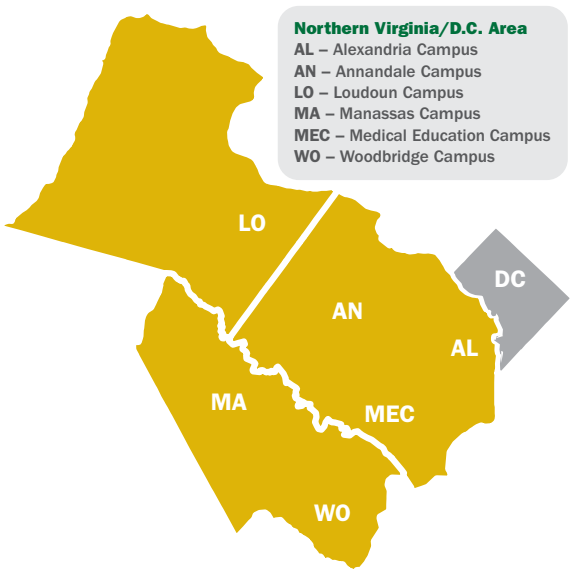
NOVA has a local advisory board of 11 members.

COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

The President chairs and is assisted by two advisory bodies: the Administrative Council and the College Forum. The Administrative Council is composed of seven provosts and six vice presidents with different portfolios.

THE COLLEGE FORUM

The College Forum represents teaching faculty, administrative faculty, classified staff and students. It is composed of the College Senate, Campus Councils and College Committees.



ACCREDITATION, DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND CURRICULA ACCREDITATION

NOVA is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Fine Arts, Associate of Applied Arts, Associate of Applied Science and Certificates in selected occupational areas.

Curricula of the College are approved by the NOVA Board and by the State Board. The two-year associate degree programs are also approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).

Health technologies programs are accredited by the American Medical Association, the American Dental Association, the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the American Physical Therapy Association.

The Veterinary Technology program is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.), Associate of Applied Arts (A.A.A.), Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), Certificates (at least 30 credits), Career Studies Certificates (between nine and 29 credits).

CURRICULA

The College offers 70 two-year degree programs (A.A., A.S., A.F.A., A.A.A. and A.A.S.), 14 Certificate programs and 46 Career Studies Certificate programs.